

Important Tax Information from Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) The Federal Tax Credit for Working Families

63 Add lines 57 through 62. This is your total tax

Payments

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

64	Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099 . . .
65	2005 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2004 return
66a	Earned income credit (EIC) . . .
b	Nontaxable combat pay election ▶ 66b . . .
67	Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld (see page 59)
68	Additional child tax credit. Attach Form 8812

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Dear Friend,

Many Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley families are missing out on a valuable tax benefit for working families: the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for working individuals and families. I am committed to ensuring that this valuable program is accessible to all that are eligible for it.

In recent years, more than 800,000 people in Los Angeles County benefited from the EITC. However, 78,000 eligible Los Angeles County residents did not claim the EITC in 2005. This represents nearly \$140,000,000 that could have been refunded to Los Angeles families, but stayed in Washington, D.C., instead. These dollars need to reach the families who deserve them.

If your family earned less than \$37,263 in 2005, you may be eligible for the EITC. The EITC amount depends on factors such as earned income, total income, and family size, but the maximum credit for 2005 is \$4,400. Even if you did not claim the EITC in the past, you can amend earlier returns and claim the credit.

Visit my Web site (www.house.gov/solis) for an instant, online estimate of what the EITC might be worth to you. For more details about the EITC, download IRS Publication 586 from my website or contact the IRS (see other side of this letter for IRS contact information).

Feel free to share this information with your family members and neighbors, and please do not hesitate to contact my El Monte (626-448-1271) or East Los Angeles (323-307-9904) District Offices with questions about the EITC or any other federal tax concerns. Thank you for your interest in this important tax benefit for working families.

Sincerely,

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EITC and Federal Tax Resources



Internal Revenue Service
United States Department of the Treasury

- Refund Status:** Call 1-800-829-4477. You must have filed your return at least 4 weeks ago to get a status update.
- General Federal Tax Questions:** Call 1-800-829-1049. Live operator assistance is available 9:00 am through 5:00 pm during tax season. Recorded answers to general questions are available 24 hours a day.
- Online Assistance:** Visit www.irs.gov. IRS has a great website, with contact information, a knowledge base, downloadable tax forms and detailed publications that can help you navigate your tax return.
- Forms Hotline:** Call 1-800-829-3676. If you do not have Internet access, you can still get IRS forms toll-free by phone.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

IRS partners with volunteers to provide information and tax assistance to working families and seniors. IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) services can help you prepare and file your federal tax return. The IRS or my office can provide a list of area VITA and TCE locations.

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For assistance with federal agencies, please contact Congresswoman Solis' District Offices or visit www.house.gov/solis.

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